Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 15, 2008, there were 500,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2008, an increase of 300 from February 2008 and 5,400 more than the number employed in March 2007.

Agricultural employment was 35,900 persons in March 2008, down 1,100 from the February 2008 level and 4,900 less than the March 2007 agricultural employment level of 40,800. Non-agricultural employment was 464,200 persons in March 2008. This is an increase of 1,400 from the February 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 462,800 and 10,300 more than March 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2008 was 4.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the February 2008 rate of 4.3 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the March 2007 level of 4.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 600 to 523,000 persons in March 2008 from 522,400 persons in February 2008. This is 6,400 more than the March 2007 labour force of 516,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.6 percent in March 2008 from 68.7 percent in February 2008. The March 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.0 percent.

There were 22,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 200[illegible] This is an increase of 300 from February 2[illegible] and is 1,100 more than the number unemployed in March 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 508,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2008, down 800 from the February 2008 level of 509,000 but is up 4,800 from the March 2007 employment level of 503,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2008 was 4.1 percent. This is unchanged from February 2008 but 0.2 percentage points higher than the March 2007 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 34,700 persons in March 2008 to 16,845,200 persons from 16,810,500 persons in February 2008. In March 2007, there were 16,512,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 6.4 percent from the February 2008 level of 6.1 percent. In March 2007, Canada's unemployment rate 6.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.0 percent in March 2008. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than February 2008 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the March 2007 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,000.4	17,908.6	17,663.0	91.8	337.4
Employed ('000)	16,845.2	16,810.5	16,512.5	34.7	332.7
Full-Time ('000)	13,570.6	13,561.9	13,293.2	8.7	277.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,274.6	3,248.5	3,219.3	26.1	55.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,155.2	1,098.2	1,150.5	57.0	4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	6.5	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.8	6.1	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	66.9	66.8	0.3	0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	523.0	522.4	516.6	0.6	6.4
Employed ('000)	500.1	499.8	494.7	0.3	5.4
Full-Time ('000)	403.8	401.0	389.8	2.8	14.0
Part-Time ('000)	96.2	98.8	104.9	-2.6	-8.7
Unemployed ('000)	22.9	22.6	21.8	0.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.7	69.0	-0.1	-0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,054.6	2,048.1	1,988.4	6.5	66.2
Employed ('000)	1,987.6	1,973.6	1,921.3	14.0	66.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,657.3	1,635.1	1,592.0	22.2	65.3
Part-Time ('000)	330.3	338.6	329.4	-8.3	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	67.0	74.5	67.1	-7.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.6	3.4	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	73.9	73.8	73.2	0.1	0.7
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	622.6	621.4	613.6	1.2	9.0
Employed ('000)	594.2	593.3	585.8	0.9	8.4
Full-Time ('000)	477.5	475.5	455.8	2.0	21.7
Part-Time ('000)	116.7	117.8	130.0	-1.1	-13.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	28.1	27.8	0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.7	68.5	0.0	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	523.0	522.4	516.6	0.6	6.4
Male	279.9	282.7	274.0	-2.8	5.9
Female	243.1	239.7	242.6	3.4	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	93.9	94.6	94.6	-0.7	-0.7
25+ Years of age	429.1	427.8	422.0	1.3	7.1
EMPLOYED ('000)	500.1	499.8	494.7	0.3	5.4
Male	266.6	269.7	259.9	-3.1	6.7
Female	233.5	230.1	234.9	3.4	-1.4
15-24 Years of Age	86.8	88.8	87.9	-2.0	-1.1
25+ Years of age	413.3	411.0	406.9	2.3	6.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	22.9	22.6	21.8	0.3	1.1
Male	13.3	13.0	14.1	0.3	-0.8
Female	9.6	9.6	7.8	0.0	1.8
15-24 Years of Age	7.1	5.8	6.7	1.3	0.4
25+ Years of age	15.8	16.8	15.1	-1.0	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Male	4.8	4.6	5.1	0.2	-0.3
Female	3.9	4.0	3.2	-0.1	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	7.6	6.1	7.1	1.5	0.5
25+ Years of age	3.7	3.9	3.6	-0.2	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.6	68.7	69.0	-0.1	-0.4
Male	74.4	75.3	74.3	-0.9	0.1
Female	62.9	62.2	64.0	0.7	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	67.5	68.1	68.9	-0.6	-1.4
25+ Years of age	68.9	68.8	69.1	0.1	-0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	35.9	37.0	40.8	-1.1	-4.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	25.2	22.7	-0.2	2.3
Utilities	5.1	4.8	3.7	0.3	1.4
Construction	32.0	31.2	28.5	0.8	3.5
Manufacturing	29.8	30.2	29.1	-0.4	0.7
Trade	84.5	83.2	85.1	1.3	-0.6
Transportation and Warehousing	25.0	26.7	24.1	-1.7	0.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.2	26.3	25.7	1.9	2.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.4	19.6	20.4	1.8	1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.1	10.8	10.1	0.3	1.0
Educational Services	40.1	40.5	46.3	-0.4	-6.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	61.7	60.8	60.6	0.9	1.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.6	19.8	18.4	-0.2	1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	30.9	33.2	29.9	-2.3	1.0
Other Services	22.2	22.8	22.8	-0.6	-0.6
Public Administration	27.7	27.7	26.6	0.0	1.1
Total	500.1	499.8	494.7	0.3	5.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	403.8	401.0	389.8	2.8	14.0
Part-Time	96.2	98.8	104.9	-2.6	-8.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	411.6	409.9	403.0	1.7	8.6
Public Sector	126.2	124.8	125.3	1.4	0.9
Private Sector	285.3	285.2	277.7	0.1	7.6
Self-Employed	88.5	89.8	91.7	-1.3	-3.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,845.2	16,810.5	16,512.5	34.7	332.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	207.3	207.8	203.6	-0.5	3.7
Prince Edward Island	66.8	65.6	65.4	1.2	1.4
Nova Scotia	436.1	432.2	433.2	3.9	2.9
New Brunswick	352.0	353.8	345.2	-1.8	6.8
Quebec	3,809.5	3,813.6	3,753.5	-4.1	56.0
Ontario	6,586.4	6,595.7	6,463.8	-9.3	122.6
Manitoba	594.2	593.3	585.8	0.9	8.4
Saskatchewan	500.1	499.8	494.7	0.3	5.4
Alberta	1,987.6	1,973.6	1,921.3	14.0	66.3
British Columbia	2,305.3	2,275.1	2,245.8	30.2	59.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.4	6.1	6.5	0.3	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	14.6	16.1	-0.2	-1.7
Prince Edward Island	12.6	11.8	12.8	0.8	-0.2
Nova Scotia	8.8	8.6	9.1	0.2	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.4	8.9	8.3	0.5	1.1
Quebec	8.0	7.7	8.2	0.3	-0.2
Ontario	6.8	6.1	7.0	0.7	-0.2
Manitoba	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Saskatchewan	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Alberta	3.3	3.6	3.4	-0.3	-0.1
British Columbia	4.2	4.4	3.9	-0.2	0.3

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jan-Mar 2008	Dec-Feb 2008	Jan-Mar 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.7	8.0	7.8	0.7	0.9
Halifax	5.1	4.4	4.9	0.7	0.2
Saint John	6.0	4.8	5.1	1.2	0.9
Quebec	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.2	0.0
Montreal	7.7	7.5	7.8	0.2	-0.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.5	4.3	5.5	0.2	-1.0
Greater Sudbury	5.8	5.4	5.8	0.4	0.0
Toronto	6.4	6.1	6.7	0.3	-0.3
Winnipeg	4.2	4.2	4.9	0.0	-0.7
Regina	4.4	3.9	4.3	0.5	0.1
Saskatoon	3.6	3.4	4.0	0.2	-0.4
Calgary	3.1	3.0	3.5	0.1	-0.4
Edmonton	3.8	3.7	3.5	0.1	0.3
Vancouver	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.1	0.1
Victoria	3.2	3.3	3.1	-0.1	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.9	151.3	149.3	0.6	2.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.1	51.9	54.4	-0.8	-3.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	161.9	162.2	160.2	-0.3	1.7
Yorkton-Melville	39.8	40.9	39.4	-1.1	0.4
Prince Albert & Northern	93.8	92.1	90.4	1.7	3.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jan-Mar 2008	Dec-Feb 2008	Jan-Mar 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	521.1	519.9	514.8	1.2	6.3
Employed ('000)	497.8	497.8	491.9	0.0	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	23.2	22.1	22.9	1.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.4	0.3	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.4	68.9	0.1	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	65.5	65.8	-0.1	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	482.4	481.7	476.6	0.7	5.8
Employed ('000)	464.8	464.8	458.2	0.0	6.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.6	16.9	18.4	0.7	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.5	3.9	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.9	69.3	0.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	66.5	66.6	-0.1	-0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	38.7	38.2	38.2	0.5	0.5
Employed ('000)	33.0	33.0	33.7	0.0	-0.7
Unemployed ('009)	5.6	5.2	4.5	0.4	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	13.6	11.8	1.0	2.8
Participation Rate (%)	63.7	63.1	64.4	0.6	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	54.5	56.8	-0.1	-2.4
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.5	14.8	15.2	0.7	0.3
Employed ('000)	12.2	12.1	13.3	0.1	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	2.8	1.9	0.5	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.2	18.7	12.8	2.5	8.4
Participation Rate (%)	56.4	54.1	56.5	2.3	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	44.4	44.0	49.3	0.4	-4.9
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Labour Force ('000)	23.1	23.3	22.9	-0.2	0.2
Employed ('000)	20.7	20.9	20.4	-0.2	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	10.4	10.9	-0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.5	70.9	-0.7	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	63.2	63.1	-0.6	-0.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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